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Library Committee Faculty Senate Agenda Item

Submitted by: Patrick Novotny

3/7/2008

Motion:

Georgia Southern University's Library Committee wishes to express its concern with the fiscal expenditures currently being made in Henderson Library's collections and resources, especially as these relate to both the projected growth of enrollment at Georgia Southern University and with Georgia Southern University's Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (CFAT) designation as a Doctoral Research University (DRU). Members of the Library Committee wish to express their unanimous support for increasing Georgia Southern University's fiscal investment in Henderson Library's collections and resources to address disparities in funding for Georgia Southern University's library collections and resources as compared to Peer and Aspirational institutions. Data available from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) shows that Henderson Library's Fiscal Year 2006 allocations of \$225.17 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) falls below library expenditures at institutions including Valdosta State University (\$368.65 in total library expenditures per person enrolled(FTE)), Georgia College and State University (\$341.75 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE)), Appalachian State University (\$462.27 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE)), James Madison University (\$327.57 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE)), and East Tennessee State University (\$375.44 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE)). Costs of library collections and resource acquisitions have increased at a rate of over 5% per year (periodical costs are increasing at an average rate of over 8% per year) and without an increase in future funding for library collections and resources, Henderson Library staff face the likely cancellation of multiple online database

subscriptions and lack the financial resources for the acquisition of new online services and library collections being requested by faculty. The Library Committee commends the commitment and dedication of Henderson Library's librarians and staff to maintain and provide collections and resources for Georgia Southern University's undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and the community. In support of Henderson Library's librarians and staff and in the interest of Georgia Southern University's commitment to excellence in instruction for its undergraduate and graduate students and in support of faculty research and the **University's** DRU designation, the Library Committee unanimously agrees to this motion to request that Georgia Southern University's Faculty Senate express its support for a request of a joint study by the President's Cabinet, the Strategic Planning Council, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to provide a comprehensive systemic plan to increase Georgia Southern University's fiscal expenditures in Henderson Library's collections and resources.

Rationale:

Georgia Southern University's Library Committee wishes to express its concern with the fiscal expenditures currently being made in Henderson Library's collections and resources, especially as these relate to both the projected growth of enrollment at Georgia Southern University and with Georgia Southern University's Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (CFAT) designation as a Doctoral Research University (DRU). Members of the Library Committee wish to express their unanimous support for increasing Georgia Southern University's fiscal investment in Henderson Library's collections and resources to address disparities in funding for Georgia Southern University's library collections and resources as compared to Peer and Aspirational institutions. Data available from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) shows that Henderson Library's Fiscal Year 2006 allocations of \$225.17 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) with a 2006 FTE enrollment of 15,373 falls below library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) at institutions including Valdosta State University (\$368.65 in total library expenditures per person enrolled(FTE) with a 2006 FTE enrollment of 9,365), Georgia College and State University (\$341.75 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) with a 2006 FTE enrollment of 5,172), Appalachian State University (\$462.27 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) with a 2006 FTE enrollment of 14,276), James Madison University (\$327.57 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) with a 2006 FTE enrollment of 16,737), and East Tennessee State University (\$375.44 in total library expenditures per person enrolled (FTE) with a 2006 FTE enrollment of 10,812). Costs of library collections and resource acquisitions have increased at a rate of over 5% per year (periodical costs are increasing at an average rate of over 8% per

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Faculty members of Georgia Southern University's Library Committee agreed unanimously at the Friday, February 29, 2008 meeting of the Library Committee to this motion after a discussion of the possibility of a reduction in Henderson Library's access to and acquisition of several collections of online scholarly databases without an increase in fiscal investments in Henderson Library. Members of Georgia Southern University's Library Committee expressed their support for this motion to focus on the future fiscal investments in Henderson Library's collections and resources, especially in light of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's DRU designation of Georgia Southern University and in light of the projected increases in undergraduate and graduate student enrollment over the next decade.

Response:

The amended motion passed the Senate on March 26, 2008. The amended motion is below:

MOTION:

In support of Henderson Library's librarians and staff, and in the interest of Georgia Southern University's commitment to excellence in instruction for its undergraduate and graduate students, and in support of faculty research and the University's Doctoral Research University designation, the Faculty Senate requests a joint study by the President's Cabinet, the Strategic Planning Council, and the Faculty Senate Library Committee to provide a comprehensive plan to increase Georgia Southern University's fiscal expenditures in Henderson Library's collections and resources.

RATIONALE:

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Dr. Patrick Novotny (CLASS) offered to amend the motion to shift the language of the motion itself to a single sentence and placing rest of the information into the rationale. Dr. Marc Cyr (CLASS) Senate Moderator asked that the senate dispense with the reading of the original motion and accept the motion Dr. Novotny was passing around on paper. There were no objections, and he asked Dr. Novotny to put the motion forward by reading it into the record?

Dr. Patrick Novotny (CLASS): "In support of Henderson Library's librarians and staff, and in the interest of Georgia Southern University's commitment to excellence in instruction for its undergraduate and graduate students, and in support of faculty research and the University's Doctoral Research University designation, the Faculty Senate requests a joint study by the President's Cabinet, the Strategic Planning Council, and the Faculty Senate Library Committee to provide a comprehensive plan to increase Georgia Southern University's fiscal expenditures in Henderson Library's collections and resources."

The motion was seconded, and after a brief discussion, it passed by unanimous vote.

Update: 4/21/2008: Report from Dr. Marc Cyr (CLASS), Chair, Senate Executive Committee: SEC Minutes, April 10, 2008 announced that Dr. Grube had approved the Undergraduate and Graduate Committee recommendations, as well as the Library Committee motion for a study of Library budget.